

GRAY

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Note for Military

Please return

*There is a John Gray*  
*interned*

Three of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Gray,

Port Credit, served overseas:

Capt. James Gray,

Lieut. Andrew Gray, and ✓

✓ Lieut. Angus Douglas Gray, M.C., blinded at the  
battle of Fresnoy. ✓

Served Overseas

*Port*  
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(9) We have no record of Capt James  
Gray. Please secure particulars.

Lt. Angus Douglas Gray M.C.  
is shown on our list as died of  
Pneumonia and buried in  
old cemetery.

Was his death attributable to  
service?

Should he be shown on list  
as died from war service

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*Wrote to*  
*John Gray*  
*Pt Credit*  
*July 3/54*

"The Conservator"

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January 15th, 1920. *W.H.H.*

Obituary

Andrew Gray

Port Credit.

Andrew Gray, sixth son of John Gray, head of the St. Lawrence Starch Works, Port Credit, was instantly killed on Friday last at 1:05 p.m. when the motor car he was driving was struck by an eastbound G. T. Express on Centre Road level crossing, tossing it many yards.

The deceased was born in Cardinal, Grenville County but came with his parents when a boy to Port Credit where his home has been ever since. He was a graduate of the Oakville High School and the School of Practical Science, Toronto. In 1916 he went overseas as quartermaster of the 126th Peel County Regiment, later transferred to the 160th Battalion but reverted to the rank of lieutenant in order to get to France going across the channel with the Canadian Engineers. He later gained his majority. He continued in France and was at Mons when the armistice was signed. Last April he returned home. A younger brother, Douglas who was a lieutenant in the machine gun company died fourteen months ago of influenza.

Mr. Gray was a member of the Engineers' Club and of the Mississauga Golf Club. He was a director and superintendent of the starch works.

The funeral took place on Sunday from the residence of his father.

Residents of the village of Port Credit, the rural districts adjacent and from Brampton and Toronto came in a steady stream to the darkened house to pay their respects and

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look for the last time upon the face they had known so well and loved.

Only fourteen months ago many of them had gathered to pay their last respects to Capt. Gray's younger brother Douglas who died from influenza. Both of these promising young men had passed safely through the horrors and dangers of the war, only to meet their death from disease and accident at home.

The casket was banked about with floral wreaths from his numerous friends, and among those present were many officers of the unit with which Capt. Gray served overseas.

The pall-bearers were Col. Alex Weir, Dr. A. Sutton, D. Cotton, W. S. Gibson, Col. F. Hamilton and A. H. Griffith. Nearly 100 motor cars made up the cortege that journeyed to the quiet snow mantled Dixie cemetery, where the final burial rites of the Church took place.



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MAJ. ANDREW GRAY

b. Cardinal, Crenville Co. d. 1920

s. of John Gray, Port Credit (see above)

Graduate of Oakville High School, and Faculty of  
Applied Science and Engineering U. of T.

Quartermaster 126th Peel Co. Regiment. Transferred  
to 160th Bn. as Lieutenant in order to get to  
France.

Later joined the Canadian Engineers

Director and superintendant of St. Lawrence Starch  
Works.

Killed by train 1920

Buried at Dixie Cem.

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JOHN. GRAY

Children

Agnes

Douglas d. 1918

Andrew (See below)

Pres. St. Lawrence Starch Works

THEIR NAME LIVETH A Memoir of The Boys of Parkdale Collegiate Institute Who Gave Their Lives in The Great War.

This man is from Port Credit

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ANGUS DOUGLAS GRAY, youngest son of John and Jessie Malcolm Gray, was a Lieutenant in the 74th Battalion and went overseas in September, 1915, with a draft. He crossed the Channel in January, 1916, with the 4th Brigade Machine Gun Co., and served through two campaigns in Belgium and France, taking part in the Battles of St. Eloi, The Somme, Vimy Ridge, and Fresnoy. He was wounded at Courcellette in Sept., 1916, and came home shortly before Christmas on leave, but returned in January and shared in the "Big Push" of the spring of 1917. At Fresnoy he rendered such heroic service that he was recommended for the V. C., the decoration awarded being, however, the M. C. Official despatches are cold things, but that appraising the work of Douglas Gray at Fresnoy makes the reader wonder why the original recommendation did not go through:

"Lieut. A. D. Gray, M. G. Corps. When in support of a battalion with his Vickers gun section, he came into action at a critical moment during a strong hostile counter-attack, and saved the situation by covering the withdrawal of the battalion. Later he rendered valuable assistance to our own counter-attack; and, though severely wounded (having lost an eye), remained directing his guns until the success of our counter-

Angus Doulgas Gray - 2.

attack was assured".

Incapacitated by his wounds, for further service, he came home in the later summer of 1917. A year later he succumbed to an attack of influenza and pneumonia, October 25, 1918. He was buried at Dixie, near Port Credit.

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July 19 1917

X Mr. John Gray has received word that his son Lieut. Douglas Gray, has received the Military Cross. Lieut. Gray was wounded in the eye, face and forearm in the battle of Fresnoy. He has lost the sight in his right eye, and is at present at Miss Arnoldi's hospital in London. Lieut. Gray went overseas in August, 1916, and enjoyed a few week's leave of absence home this winter, returning to the front in January. His two brothers, Lieut. Andrew Gray and Lieut. James Gray are at the front.



Taken From Conservator 11th Oct., 1934.

-- Port Credit --

"BEE HIVE CORN SYRUP" nourished Quintuplets.

The St. Lawrence Starch Company of Port Credit, Manufacturers of "Bee Hive" Golden Corn Syrup had the unique honour of supplying Golden Corn Syrup which was used in the first feedings of the now famous Dionne Quintuplets.

Mr. W. H. Alderson, one of the Official Guardians of these famous babies, wrote Mr. W. T. Gray, Vice-President of the St. Lawrence Starch Company, under the date of September 17th, as follows:

Muskoka Beach Ont.,

September 17th, 1934.

Mr. W. T. Gray, - (he lives in Port Credit)

Vice-President,

St. Lawrence Starch Co., Ltd.,

PORT CREDIT, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gray:

I have made inquiries, and I find that Bee Hive Golden Corn Syrup was the Corn Syrup used as a carbohydrate milk modifier in the first feedings of the Dionne Quintuplets by Dr. Dafoe, and I have pleasure in advising you that full permission is granted to the St. Lawrence Starch Co., Limited, the manufacturers of this brand of Corn Syrup, to advertise this fact.

It is also understood that should Corn Syrup be included in the diet of the Dionne Quintuplets again, that

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*copy in Industry,  
Port Credit*

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Bee Hive Golden Corn Syrup will be used, by reason of the success attending its use to date.

In view of the above facts, and advertising permission granted, the Guardians of the Dionne Quintuplet Fund agree that no other brand of Corn Syrup will be similarly endorsed as it is understood that this letter gives to The St. Lawrence Starch Co., Limited, Port Credit, Ontario, exclusive rights as pertaining to the use of this food in the first feedings of the Dionne Quintuplets and also its future use should the attending physicians so decide.

Yours very truly,

W. H. ALDERSON,

Official Guardian.

Word from Callandar reported that warm sunshine greeted the one hundred and thirty-four day old quintuplets on Monday as they were wheeled in cots for their second stay out-of-doors. The five little sisters spent three-quarters of an hour outside on Monday. Dr. Dafoe said that the old northern winter will not keep them inside.

**GRAY** Instantly killed at Hurontario Street Railway crossing, Port Credit on Friday, January 9th, 1920, Andrew Gray, late 126th and 160th Battalions and 9th Canadian Engineers, C. E. F., son of John Gray, Port Credit.

Major Gray, who returned from overseas only a few months ago, enlisted in December, 1915, going to England with the 126th Battalion. While in England he reverted to the rank of Lieutenant in order to get to France. On his return to Canada he was made a director of the St.

Lawrence Starch Company of Port Credit, which position he had held previous to enlisting. He was born at Cardinal, Ontario, thirty-eight years ago. He was predeceased by two brothers, Lieut. Angus D. Gray, a member of the 4th Machine Gun Battalion, who was killed in France, and Major James Gray, of the 182nd Battalion, who died of influenza last year. Buried at Dixie Cemetery. (One clipping gives the name Capt. Andrew Gray and the other Major Alexander Gray)

conservator, 23 April, 1936

## DEATH OF JOHN GRAY AT PORT CREDIT HOME

Prominent and Successful Citizen and Business Man Passed Away Suddenly

### 94 YEARS OF AGE

Came to Canada in 1873—President St. Lawrence Starch Company

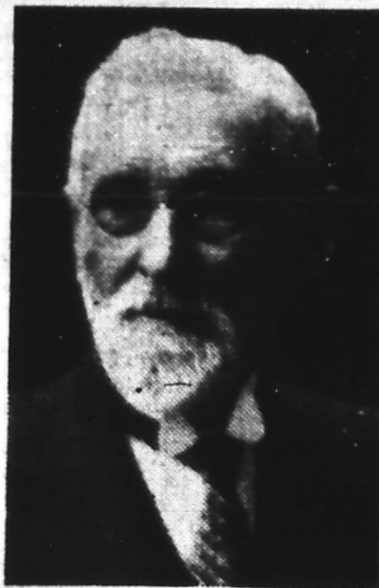
The end of a long and useful life came as he desired to John Gray at his residence, Port Credit, this (Thursday) morning. Rising as usual, he dressed, partook of breakfast and manifested no sign of increased weakness. Suddenly the hand of death was laid upon him and without pain of any kind he passed away. Born in Perthshire, Scotland, April 10, 1832, he, a week ago, celebrated his 94th birthday. Coming to Canada in 1873, he was one of the founders of the St. Lawrence Starch Company in 1889, and has ever since been one of the controlling figures of this successful and important business. In January last he presided as chairman at the annual meeting, at the conclusion of which he remarked, "I guess this will be the last at which I'll be present," feeling, no doubt, that his strength was gradually failing.

John Gray was a man of sterling qualities and fine character, successful in business, careful in all his undertakings, but at the same time progressive and alive to the importance of changing conditions of trade and business. He was a staunch member of the Presbyterian Church and did much for the local congregation, a fact which was emphasized at the anniversary services last Sunday. A Scotchman through and through, he loved the land of his birth and frequently visited the old home across the sea, but he was a true Canadian and in every way served the land of his adoption. A Conservative in politics, an advocate of the national policy when introduced in 1878 and was a constant defender of the tariff of protection, believing it to be in the best interest of the dominion.

He was twice married, and is survived by two daughters, Miss Agnes Gray, Port Credit, and Mrs. A. U. Simpson, Seattle; also by four sons, William T. and John M., at Port Credit; James, Islington; and Alexander, Toronto.

The funeral will take place on Saturday from his late residence to Dixie Cemetery.

## Old Citizen Passes



JOHN M. GRAY,

94 years of age and Port Credit's most prominent citizen, died suddenly this morning.

DIXIE

## GRAY

John Gray	b. 10 Apr. 1842	.....?
Agnes Malcolm Gray	5 Mar. 1846	- 21 Feb. 1886
Jessie Malcolm Gray	5 Jan. 1858	- 4 July, 1930
Margaret J. Gray Ray, St. Paul, Minn.	1 Sept. 1873	- 20 June, 1918
Lieut. Angus Douglas Gray, M.C., 4th Brigade, C.E.F. Somme, Vimy Ridge, Fresnay	11 Dec. 1897	- 25 Oct. 1918
Lieut. Andrew Gray, 9th Batt. Engine, C.E.F., Cornbrae, Mons.	3 Dec. 1881	- 9 Jan. 1920.
Jane Malcolm	18 Oct. 1860	- 11 Oct. 1895
Lois Margaret Gray	26 Feb. 1914	- 19 Feb. 1915



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Caledon E.

Con 4, Lot 8.

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18 Jan. 1871, N $\frac{1}{2}$  bought for \$1700 by

SUSANNAH ALLISON

d. 1908

Buried in Providence Cemetery.

w. of Dr. Samuel Allison Caledon E. Con 6, Lot 4.

ALSO OWNED:

Caledon E.

Con 6, Lot 3, E; 1878.

CALEDON E  
CON. 4 LOT 8

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30 Jan. 1838 S. E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  bought for £100 by

JOHN GRAY

Came from N. of Ireland

m. Hannah Stout

Children Anne b. 1844

Thomas b. 1848 (see below)

Armour b. 1848 (see below)

John

Overseer of Highways

Pathmaster

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CALEDON E

CON. 4 LOT 8

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8 Jan. 1876 pt. W  $\frac{1}{2}$  acquired by

ARMOUR GRAY et al

b. 1845

s. of John Gray and Hannah Stout  
(above)

m. Anne Jane Patterson

Children

One son and 5 dau.

See also below

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CALEDON E

CON. 4 LOT 8

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4 Sept. 1875 - H  $\frac{1}{2}$  bought for \$5,500 by

THOMAS GRAY

b. 1846 a 1923

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s. of John Gray and Hannah Stout

m. Harriet Hobden

b. 1852 d. 1918

Children

2 s. and 1 dau.

Lecturer in L. O. L. 185

See also below